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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

- 1. (Currently Amended) A codec circuit having a programmable digital bandpass filter, for matching the filter characteristics of the codec circuit to a transmitted Pulse Code Modulation (PCM) signal, having at least one programmable digital high-pass filter and at least one programmable digital low-pass filter connected in series, and a signal identification device configured to identify a type of modulation and transmission speed of a transmitted PCM signal that consists of a PCM—signal transmitted within the codec circuit to determine whether the transmitted PCM signal originates from a terminal or from a telephone and configured to set filter coefficients for the at least one programmable digital high-pass filter and the at least one programmable digital low-pass filter based on the identified type of modulation and transmission speed of the transmitted PCM signal to vary a bandpass filter characteristic for the programmable digital bandpass filter to match that of the determined origin of the transmitted PCM signal.
- 2. (Previously Presented) The codec circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the setting filter coefficients are stored in coefficient memory devices which are associated with the programmable digital high-pass and low-pass filters.
- (Previously Presented) The codec circuit as claimed in claim 2, wherein the memory devices are random access memories (RAM).

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- 4. (Previously Presented) The codec circuit as claimed in claim 2, wherein the memory devices are connected via coefficient setting lines to the signal identification device.
- 5. (Previously Presented) The codec circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the programmable digital filters are each seventh-order filters.
- 6. (Previously Presented) The codec circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein the upper and lower signal transmission cut-off frequencies of the bandpass filter and the gradient of bandpass filter flanks are set by means of the setting filter coefficients.
- 7. (Previously Presented) The codec circuit as claimed in claim 6, wherein the lower signal transmission cut-off frequency is set by setting the setting filter coefficients of the digital high-pass filter.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The codec circuit as claimed in claim 6, wherein the upper signal transmission cut-off frequency is set by setting the setting filter coefficients of the programmable digital low-pass filter.
- 9. (Previously Presented) The codec circuit as claimed in claim 1, wherein a frequency response correction filter is also provided, in order to compensate for the ripple in the bandpass filter characteristic in the passband.